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In re the Application of )  
DECKERS et al. ) AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT )  
) BOX PCT  
International Application )  
PCT/EP 00/12277 )  
Filed: December 6, 2000 )

For: PIGMENT CONCENTRATES AND THEIR PRODUCTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as shown on the attached sheet.

R E M A R K S

The claims were amended in the preliminary examination. The claims have been amended further to eliminate multiple dependency and to place them in better form for U.S. filing. No new matter is included.

A clean copy of the claims is attached.

Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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